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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOB MINERALS AND WATER MINISTER CHIEPE

REF: (A) GABORONE 2736; (B) GABORONE 1521

1. DEPARTMENT, AID/W AND INTERIOR WELCOME PROPOSED VISIT BY DR. CHIEPE. INTERIOR SECRETARY ANDRUS WILL NOT BE IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 25, BUT UNDER SEC ETARY JAMES JOSEPH WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE DR. CHIEPE AT 10:00 A.M. THAT DAY FOR COURTESY CALL. WHILE INTERIOR OFFICIALS ARE NOT ABLE TO BE DEFINITIVE AT THIS EARLY DATE, APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ARRANGED WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THE BUREAU OF MINES AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL
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SURVEY OR THEIR DEPUTIES ALONG WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. BELIEVE THIS COULD USEFULLY OCCUPY REMAINDER OF DAY OCTOBER 25 AND MORNING OF OCTOBER 26. NOTE THAT GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HEADQUARTERS ARE IN RESTON, VIRGINIA, PLEASANT 40-MINUTE DRIVE FROM WASHINGTON NEAR DULLES AIRPORT.

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2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER RESOURCES IS SHARED BY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, WITH FORMER PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN LOCATION AND LATTER IN DEVELOPMENT

AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF WATER. RECOMMEND MINISTER CHIEPE CONSIDER MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM RECLAMATION.

3. CHIEPE'S REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE WITH AN ACCELERATED GOB PROGRAM TO DEVELOP WATER SUPPLIES FOR RURAL VILLAGES (REF B) IS OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AND AID/W AND WE AWAIT EMBASSY REPORTING ON GOB'S ASSESSMENT OF BRITISH AND SWEDISH EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. SADAP TEAM WAS IMPRESSED DURING MAY VISIT BY EXTENT OF GOB SENSITIVITY TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER CONCERNS IN WEIGHING ALTER-NATIVES OF MAJOR IRRIGATION SCHEMES FROM OKAVANGO DELTA VERSUS WIDESPREAD SYSTEM OF BOREHOLES AND SMALL-SCALE CATCHMENT DAMS. BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS WITH AID/W ON EXTENT OF WATER AS CONSTRAINT ON MINERAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE USEFUL. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE CALL ON ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR BUTCHER AS WELL AS ON AFR/SA.

4. FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WASHINGTON PORTION OF PROPOSED VISIT, INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT, WILL BE SENT SEPTEL AS SCHEDULE CAN BE FIRMED UP. ASSUME FROM REF (A) THAT GOB WILL NOT WISH
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DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING PRIVATE SECTOR (NEW YORK) PORTION OF VISIT. CHRISTOPHER

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